The implementation of PFA Rules, 1955 is entrusted to Food (Health) Authorities of State/U.Ts. In case of any violation to the provisions of the PFA Act / Rules, penal action is taken against the offenders by the State Governments.

Policy to face hunger challenge

3292. SHRI N.K. SINGH:

SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the report prepared by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), 25 million more children will go hungry by 2050 in the world;

(b) if so, whether South Asia will be affected the most due to hunger;

(c) if so, whether Government has formulated any policy to face such challenges; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) International Food Policy Research Institute(IFPRI)'s Report on 'Climate Change: Impact on Agriculture and Costs of Adaptation' released in October, 2009 mentions that due to effect of climate change 24-26 million more children under 5 years of age are likely to be malnourished in developing countries by 2050.

As per that report, out of all regions, the impact may be most visible in Sub-Saharan Africa followed by South Asia.

(c) and (d) Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach to face the challenges of climate change. This includes action plans for climate change assessment and programmes for adaptation and mitigation such as:-

- National Network of Climate Change Assessment (INCCA) - (Ministry of Environment and Forests);
- Various missions under National Action plan on Climate Change;
- Strong disaster management and calamity mitigation policies for future natural calamities; and
- India's association as a member with various international bodies like Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change(IPCC) and Asia Pacific Partnership for Clean Development and Climate to hasten the process of education & outreach, research & Development and policy formulation.

Starvation deaths

3293. SHRI N.K. SINGH:

SHRI ISHWAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state: